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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *30 December 2002* .

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-40* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-5, 7-8, 10-25, 27-40* is/are rejected.

7)☒ Claim(s) *6,9 and 26* is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11)☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a)☐ approved b)☐ disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ .
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 6, 9 and 26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Powers et al. (4,529,836) in view of Kwitkowski et al. (5,136,122) in view of Bowman et al. (6,083,772).

Regarding Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8 and 10-13, Powers et al. disclose a stress absorption matrix where where an apparatus for interfacing materials and absorbing disparate thermal expansions that utilizes a woven wire mesh to support a predetermined thickness of a first soft solder which absorbs expansions, and utilizes a second soft solder having a lower melting point than the first to coat the surfaces of the wire mesh/first soft solder combination so that the materials can be bonded together. Powers et al. fail to disclose the connection and electrical circuitry bonding structures in the required manner. However, Kwitkowski et al. disclose a braided fiber omega connector where an improved omega connector for electrically coupling components of a multi-

component electronic assembly comprises a first and second flat end sections each formed on a nonporous copper plated adapted for solder bonding to components, and an intermediate loop section formed of interwoven copper fibers extending between the end sections to provide a continuous electrically conductive network therebetween. The fibers in the loop section carry a solder nonwettable coating to avoid interference with bonding operations to attach the end section to the components. The fibrous loop section exhibits enhanced flexibility to reduce stresses attributed to shifting of the components during operations and thereby extends the useful life of the assembly. Furthermore, Bowman et al. disclose a method of mounting a power semiconductor die on a substrate, where the die has a first power terminal on a first surface thereof and a second power terminal on an opposing second surface thereof. The method includes the steps of forming an electrically-conductive, mechanical bond between the first surface and a first location on the substrate, the mechanical bond electrically coupling the first power terminal to the substrate and soldering an elongated electrically conductive strap to the second surface and a second location on the substrate.

It would have been obvious to one of having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include the required connection and electrical circuit bonding structures in Powers et al. as taught by Kwitkowski et al. and Bowman et al. respectively, because such structure would provide a thermally and physically better connection structure for the circuit assembly components.

3. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Powers et al. (4,529,836) in view of Kwitkowski et al. (5,136,122) further in view of Bowman et al. (6,083,772) further in view of Ameen et al. (5,591,034)

Together in combination Powers et al., Kwitkowski et al., Bowman et al., fail to disclose the heatsink structure. However, Ameen et al. disclose a thermally conductive adhesive interface that is suitable for thermal conduction between electronic components. Furthermore Ameen et al. disclose the heat sink structure.

It would have bee obvious to include heat sink structure in Powers et al, Kwitkowski et al., Bowman et al combination as taught by Ameen et al. in order to provide a better heat dissipating characteristics.

4. Claims 14, 15, 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Powers et al. (4,529,836) in view of Kwitkowski et al. (5,136,122) further in view of Bowman et al. (6,083,772) further in view of Kumar et al. (6,280,584).

Together in combination Powers et al., Kwitkowski et al., Bowman et al., fail to specifically disclose thermal conductivity characteristics of the claimed subject matter. However, Kumar et al. (6,280,584) disclose a compliant bond structure for joining ceramic to metal, which includes a wire mesh strands surrounded by compliant metal that is useful for bonding ceramic surface to a metal surface. The wire mesh comprises interlocking strands having longitudinal axes that are oriented substantially parallel to the ceramic and metal surfaces. The wire mesh may also include strands having a coefficient of thermal expansion that is about

0.4 to 1.6 times the average of the coefficients of thermal expansion of the metal and ceramic surfaces.

It would have been obvious to one of having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include thermal conductivity characteristics of the claimed subject matter in Powers et al., Kwitkowski et al., Bowman et al. combination as taught by Kumar et al. in order to provide a better thermally conductive circuit assembly.

5. Claims 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Powers et al. (4,529,836) in view of Kwitkowski et al. (5,136,122) further in view of Bowman et al. (6,083,772) further in view further in view of Kumar et al. (6,280,584) further in view of Ameen et al. ((5,591,034)

Together in combination Powers et al., Kwitkowski et al., Bowman et al., and Kumar et al. (6,280,584) fail to disclose the heatsink structure. However, Ameen et al. disclose a thermally conductive adhesive interface that is suitable for thermal conduction between electronic components. Furthermore Ameen et al. disclose the heat sink structure.

It would have bee obvious to include heat sink structure in Powers et al., Kwitkowski et al., Bowman et al., and Kumar et al. combination as taught by Ameen et al. in order to provide a better heat dissipating characteristics.

6. Claims 21-23, 25 and 27-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable Powers et al. (4,529,836) in view of Bowman et al. (6,083,772).

Regarding Claims 21-23 and 27-32, Powers et al. disclose a stress absorption matrix where where an apparatus for interfacing materials and absorbing disparate thermal expansions that utilizes a woven wire mesh to support a predetermined thickness of a first soft solder which absorbs expansions, and utilizes a second soft solder having a lower melting point than the first to coat the surfaces of the wire mesh/first soft solder combination so that the materials can be bonded together. Powers et al. fail to disclose the method of doing required electrical circuitryt structure. However, Bowman et al. disclose a method of mounting a power semiconductor die on a substrate, where the die has a first power terminal on a first surface thereof and a second power terminal on an opposing second surface thereof. The method includes the steps of forming an electrically-conductive, mechanical bond between the first surface and a first location on the substrate, the mechanical bond electrically coupling the first power terminal to the substrate and soldering an elongated electrically conductive strap to the second surface and a second location on the substrate.

It would have been obvious to one of having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include a method of making required electrical circuitry structure in Powers et al. as taught by Bowman et al. in order to make circuit assembly with more flexible bonding characteristics.

7. Claims 33, 34, 35, 37-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Powers et al. (4,529,836) in view of Bowman et al. (6,083,772) further in view of Kumar et al. (6,280,584).

Regarding Claims 34, 35, 37-40 Powers et al. and Bowman et al. combination fail to specifically disclose thermal conductivity characteristics of the claimed subject matter. However, Kumar et al. (6,280,584) disclose a compliant bond structure for joining ceramic to metal, which includes a wire mesh strands surrounded by compliant metal that is useful for bonding ceramic surface to a metal surface. The wire mesh comprises interlocking strands having longitudinal axes that are oriented substantially parallel to the ceramic and metal surfaces. The wire mesh may also include strands having a coefficient of thermal expansion that is about 0.4 to 1.6 times the average of the coefficients of thermal expansion of the metal and ceramic surfaces.

It would have been obvious to one of having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include thermal conductivity characteristics of the claimed subject matter in Powers et al. and Bowman et al. combination as taught by Kumar et al. in order to provide a better thermally conductive circuit assembly.

8. Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Powers et al. (4,529,836) in view of Bowman et al. (6,083,772) further in view of Ameen et al. (5,591,034)

Together in combination Powers et al. and Bowman et al. fail to disclose the heatsink structure. However, Ameen et al. disclose a thermally conductive adhesive interface that is suitable for thermal conduction between electronic components. Furthermore Ameen et al. disclose the heat sink structure.

It would have bee obvious to include heat sink structure in Powers et al. and Bowman et combination as taught by Ameen et al. in order to provide a better heat dissipating characteristics.

9. Claim 36 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Powers et al. (4,529,836) in view of Bowman et al. (6,083,772) further in view of Kumar et al. (6,280,584) further in view of Ameen et al. (5,591,034)

Together in combination Powers et al., Bowman et al., and Kumar et al. (6,280,584) disclose fail to disclose the heatsink structure. However, Ameen et al. disclose a thermally conductive adhesive interface that is suitable for thermal conduction between electronic components. Furthermore Ameen et al. disclose the heat sink structure.

It would have bee obvious to include heat sink structure in Powers et al., Bowman et al., and Kumar et al. (6,280,584) combination as taught by Ameen et al. in order to provide a better heat dissipating characteristics.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fazli Erdem whose telephone number is (703) 305-3868. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 8:00 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on (703) 308-6601. The fax phone numbers for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7722 for regular communications and (703) 308-7724 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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